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## Webinar: Using Data to Analyze Variation in Patient Care and Improve Margins

*Wednesday, June 14, 2017*

Health Informatics will hold a webinar titled, "Managing Margin Madness: Data-Driven Techniques for Analyzing Variation in Patient Care and Improving Your Margin." Data-driven quality improvement can improve reimbursement, health outcomes, and quality of life for patients. Participants of this webinar will:

- Understand the regulatory and policy landscape that is influencing care quality;
- Gain insight into recommending strategies and best practices, based on real-world scenarios, that drive down costs while improving patient-centered outcomes;
- See the data analysis techniques for clinical data that identify areas of clinical variation and discover related cost-saving opportunities.

For webinar information, click here. For more information about health care transformation policy in Maryland, please visit the OPHI programs here; for more information on health informatics in clinical settings, including technical assistance, visit Chesapeake Regional Information System for our Patients (CRISP) services here.

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## Workshop: Strategies to Limit Sugar Consumption in Young Children

*Wednesday - Thursday, 21 - 22, 2017*

The National Academy of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine (NASEM) will host, "A Workshop on Strategies to Limit Sugar-Sweetened Beverage Consumption in Young Children: Evaluation of Federal, State, and Local Policies and Programs." Participants of this webinar will learn how to:

- Provide an overview of current and emerging strategies to reduce consumption of sugar-sweetened beverages by young children, ages 0-5 years of age, and explore the evidence on effectiveness.
- Contextualize the strategies by considering patterns and trends in beverage consumption broadly, and sugar-sweetened beverage consumption specifically, in U.S. children.
- Examine current guidelines for beverage intake applicable to children five years of age and younger.

- Explore the role of industry in sugar-sweetened beverage intake in young children.
- Identify where knowledge gaps and opportunities exist for future policies, programs, and strategies.

The event will be held in Washington D.C. as well broadcast online. A finalized agenda will be posted to the website below closer to the meeting date.

For workshop information, click here. For more information about diabetes prevention and management in Maryland, visit the DHMH Prevention and Health Promotion's Chronic Disease program here.

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## Webinar: Determining Essential Core Competencies

*Thursday, June 22, 2017*



The Public Health Foundation (PHF) will host a webinar titled, "Determining Essential Core Competencies for Job Positions." The webinar will discuss core competencies for public health organizations and how to prioritize these competencies as well as align with community needs. Job descriptions that detail competencies, including both skills and knowledge, are good practice for all organizations seeking to build a competent workforce through successful recruitment, hiring, and professional development efforts. This is also a required element for health departments seeking accreditation through the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB).

For webinar information, click here. For more information about public health accreditation efforts in Maryland, visit the DHMH Office of Population Health Improvement public health accreditation webpage here.

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## Webinar: Whole Community Preparedness



*Wednesday, June 28, 2017*

The Preparedness Partners will host a webinar on access and functional needs titled, "Whole Community Preparedness: We Succeed or Fail Together." A presenter from the Governor of California's Office of Access and Functional Needs (OFAN) will discuss how to manage cross-sector partnerships to increase preparedness through a straightforward process. The webinar will cover how local governments, state agencies, and individuals with disabilities and access or functional needs can work collaborative to enhance emergency preparedness for the whole community. Participants will learn how to:

- Better understand how the needs of individuals with disabilities and people with access and functional needs are met before, during, and after disasters.
- Understand how whole community planning leads to better preparedness, response, recovery, and resilience.
- Utilize OAFN as a tool that can leverage respective access and functional needs-related response and recovery integration efforts.

For webinar information, click here. For more information about preparedness in Maryland, visit the DHMH Office of Preparedness and Response webpage here.

**Online Training: Tools for Health Equity Practice**

*Thursday, June 29, 2017*
The Allies for Reaching Community Health Equity (ARCHE) will host an online training titled, "Essential Tools for Health Equity Practice." Health equity is a value, process, practice, and outcome. This training will describe process-based tools and interventions for applying a health equity lens. These tools will help address the root causes of health equity, deepen community engagement and partnerships, and target structural change. Participants of this webinar will learn how to:

- Articulate a framework for operationalizing health equity;
- Distinguish strategies for process-based interventions to shift practice including organizational change tools to institutionalize equity within your organization; and,
- Identify tools (e.g., health impact assessments, equity policy analysis) that support strategies for operationalizing health equity.

For event information, click here. For more information about health equity, visit the DHMH Minority Health and Health Disparities programs here.

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